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1. REPLIES TO EMBASSY'S INQUIRIES PARAGRAPH ONE REFERENCED TELEGRAM FOLLOW.

A. PAKISTANI EMPLOYEES ARE LIMITED TO DUTY FREE ENTRY ONE NEW OR USED AUTOMOBILE WHICH MAY BE IMPORTED OR ORDERED WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF INITIAL ARRIVAL. NO RESTRICTION AS TO TYPE OR PRICE RANGE.

B. EMPLOYEES WHO ARE PAKISTANI NATIONALS, NOT IMMIGRANTS OR SERVANTS, ARE EXEMPT FROM FEDERAL GASOLINE TAX (FOUR CENTS PER GALLON). DIPLOMATS BUT NOT EMPLOYEES ARE EXEMPT FROM D.C. GASOLINE TAX OF EIGHT CENTS PER GALLON. MARYLAND AND VIRGINIA DO NOT ACCORD EXEMPTION FROM THEIR GASOLINE TAXES.

C. EMPLOYEES AS INDICATED ABOVE ARE EXEMPT FROM TAX ON ISSUANCE D.C. AUTOMOBILE TITLE BUT PAY TITLE AND LICENSE TAG FEES. IF RESIDENT IN MARYLAND, THEY ARE EXEMPT FROM ALL TAXES AND FEES INCIDENT TO AUTOMOBILE REGISTRATION. ALTHOUGH EMPLOYEES RESIDING IN VIRGINIA MUST PAY ALL TAXES AND FEES WHEN REGISTERING VEHICLES IN THAT STATE,
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DEPARTMENT HAS, UPON REQUEST OF EMBASSY, APPROVED D.C.

REGISTRATION FOR PAKISTAN EMBASSY EMPLOYEES.

D. PROVISIONS OF GUN CONTROL ACT OF 1968 ARE APPLICABLE
TO NON-DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL AND SPORT GUNS INTENDED FOR

THEIR USE MAY ONLY BE IMPORTED BY LICENSED IMPORTERS OR
DEALERS.

E. AT PRESENT, PERSONAL AND HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS MAY BE
ENTERED DUTY FREE ONLY IF IMPORTED WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF
EMPLOYEES'S INITIAL ARRIVAL IN U.S. SINCE FREE IMPORTATION
PRIVILEGES ARE EXTENDED ON A RECIPROCAL BASIS, IT WOULD
BE POSSIBLE TO ARRANGE CONTINUING DUTY-FREE ENTRY PRIVI-
LEGES FOR EMPLOYEES OF PAKISTAN EMBASSY IF GOVERNMENT OF
PAKISTAN WERE WILLING TO EXTEND SIMILAR PRIVILEGES TO OUR
NON-DIPLOMATIC STAFF.

2. SINCE FEDERAL GASOLINE TAX IMPOSED ON MANUFACTURER AND
INCORPORATED IN PRICE OF COMMODITY, EXEMPTION NOT OBLIG-
ATORY UNDER TREATY. EXEMPTION ACCORDED BASIS GRATUITOUS
IRS RULING AND NOT PRESENTLY CONDITIONED BY RECIPROCITY.
UNTIL DEPARTMENT IN POSITION TO ADMINISTER THIS EXEMPTION
RECIPROCALLY, DENIAL OF PRIVILEGE TO EMPLOYEES PAKISTAN
EMBASSY WOULD BE VIEWED AS DISCRIMINATORY. EMBASSY MAY
THEREFORE WISH TO INDICATE THAT FAILURE TO ACCORD GASOLINE
TAX EXEMPTION TO OUR EMPLOYEES MAY RESULT IN WITHDRAWAL
OF EXEMPTION HERE.

3. AT PRESENT, APPROXIMATELY 88 EMPLOYEES OF PAKISTAN
EMBASSY ENJOY GASOLINE AND SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS. KISSINGER

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